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APPLICANT: Peter POST et al CONFIRMATION NO.: 5081
SERIAL NO.: 09/522,619 GROUP ART UNIT: 3629
FILED: March 10, 2000 EXAMINER: Naresh Vig
TITLE: "METHOD FOR PROTECTING A SECURITY MODULE AND
ARRANGEMENT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE METHOD"

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In response to the Office Action dated January 13, 2003, Applicants herewith
amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 has been amended as follows:

5/2/03 > 1. (Twice amended) A method for protecting a security module
comprising the steps of:
storing security relevant data in a non-volatile memory of a security module
and inserting said security module in a device motherboard;
monitoring proper insertion of said security module on said device
motherboard with a first function unit and a second function unit in said
security module;
who, what?
signaling at least one security-related status of said security module with said
first function unit;
how?
detecting at least one of improper use and improper replacement of said
security module with said second function unit and, upon a detection of at least one